

come out from among them

"therefore "come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." 2 cor 6:17

it's so easy to look around the world today and see suffering abounding everywhere; among the good and the bad, among the righteous and the unrighteous. we say to ourselves, "these things ought not to be so." does God not promise to make a difference between those who serve God and those who do not?

we are to be "in" the world but not "of" the world. there are too many today excusing or even partaking of the forbidden - some to be accepted and some because one's sinful flesh submits. just as rain falls on the righteous and the unrighteous, if we stand too closely entwined in their deeds, judgment will also fall on all. mercy and judgment are both in our God's arsenal. "therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. otherwise you also will be cut off." rom 11:22 too often it takes judgment before one admits the error of their ways.

we are ambassadors, "representatives" of Christ Himself. what kind of Christ do others see in you? to be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God. lot's wife lost her soul by not separating from her sinful friends and remembrances.

we are told, "do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. for what fellowship has righteousness

with lawlessness? and what communion has light with darkness?" 2 cor 6:14 even as the pharisees claimed to be children of abraham and not the devil, some now are yoked in ways they deny.

no wonder our Lord said, "I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours." john 17:9 and again the word tells us: "then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him." yes, we must come out from among them. that doesn't mean we hibernate and fail to witness, but we must make a clear distinction between good and evil, between right and wrong.

do you have a yoke? be it a job, a possession, a loved one or even a ministry. Christ tells us, "take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." matt 11:29 we will find a rest we have never known before.

even as our Lord has been "calling us out" for two thousand years, could He even now be preparing for the ultimate "calling out?" many believe so and are saying so with a heart of expectation. it will be preceded by a trumpet blast and the twinkling of an eye. who will be the foolish one who perchance just glances back at something left behind; something done or undone? be warned now that the cost of such a fleeting glance will be costly.

i know, i know, i know. how many "rapture watches" have preceded this one? too many i fear and now many find themselves growing weary of them and will just

sleep through this one. are you familiar with the story of the boy who kept hollering wolf. one day the wolf was really there.

in like manner. "for the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." hab 2:3 even as every beginning must have an end, will we be watching as we were told? it will surely come, it will not tarry.

no, God did not whisper to me that now is the appointed time. the signs, the times, the spirit, it is they that are all shouting. "come out from among them." "come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past." isa 26:20

believe me, i understand every doubt that exists among you. i have to keep fighting them back as well. i have to keep pinching myself but i will not become a scoffer. it's such an amazing thing to contemplate; our Lord returning for us and why would should i be so blessed as to live in such a time as this? unbelief keeps trying to dampen my hope, but then i glance at the insanity the world is advancing and my heart is again persuaded.

He told us what we should be looking for. well, i'm looking and i see everything He prophesied and more besides - things that could not have even entered into the mind of any "mortal" man back than.

hold on saints of God. we're going home!